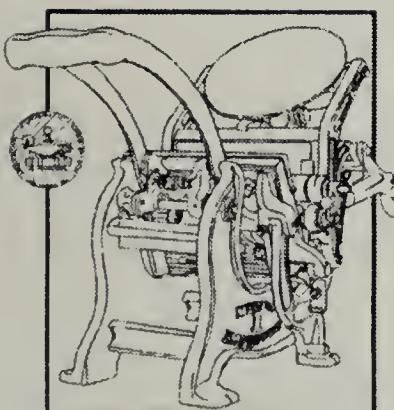




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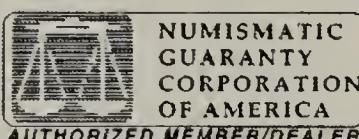
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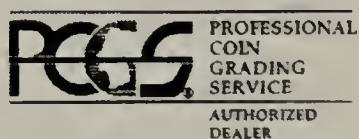
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President's Message

I wish everyone a wonderful 2003. I hope all members of the ILNA family have a healthy and successful New Year. By now the Illinois quarter is circulating. I trust everyone is collecting four new quarters. You save two for yourself, and pass the other two on to a young numismatist. For those with deeper pockets, I recommend buying two mint bags. You can keep one, and then take the other to your local school and distribute them to the children. Also take a few minutes to explain coin collecting to the students. You will see the gleam in their eyes.

This will serve as a wonderful reminder to you of why you became involved in coin collecting and why you love our hobby so much. This would be an activity that is truly time well spent.

I would like to thank the Governor's office for allowing me to be a member of the most distinguished Illinois quarter selection committee. The task was not easy. The idea was to meet often. But, with the busy schedules of all the members this would make the process a difficult undertaking. My solution was to have the entries put into five general categories. Thus aiding in the efficiency of the selection process. My idea was well received. So much so that each committee member received about 100 drawings per each five categories. Then we each selected about five of our favorite ideas or drawings for each of the five categories. From there, the committee was able to narrow the 25 favorites down to five overall design finalists, one out of each category. These five finalists were then given to the Governor. Once submitted the designs were given to the mint for an artistic design. The Governor made the final decision. He selected one design from the five finalists. I believe he made an excellent choice. I am very proud of the Illinois quarter. The look and design are truly outstanding. Congratulations to everyone involved in the process.

The ILNA Spring Show will be held on March 2, 2003. It will be hosted by the Wat-cha-kee Coin Club in Watseka, Illinois. Please stop by and say hello to your ILNA board members. Also, ILNA has a scholarship available to the ANA Summer Seminar. Any adult or junior member who has been an ILNA member for at least two years can apply. For anyone that is applying, you need to submit in writing why you wish to attend the summer seminar. It is just that simple!

ILNA is trying to gather information and numismatic items from our past. ILNA's 50th Anniversary is fast approaching. We would like to put together an exhibit that will travel the state. It would be on display at local club shows during the entire 50th Anniversary celebration year. Any item you might have and would like to donate, we would most appreciate it. We would gladly accept any and all items. Any help or assistance you can give will be most appreciated. Please drop me a note about any ideas, stories, or items you may have. We would love anything that show how ILNA was founded and developed over the last 50 years.

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President's Message (Cont.)

New to the ILNA digest this quarter is the Secretary's Message. I hope this most welcome addition continues for years and years. ILNA members can now get two views of their organization. The President's view and the Secretary's view both presented in the digest are so beneficial. All of the updates, knowledge, information, schedule activities, deadlines, viewpoints, and etc, is now spelled out and explained in one digest. Members can now learn so much about the organization just by reading the digest. So I welcome the wonderful addition of the Secretary's Message. Our new Secretary Michael Doran will be contributing this article.

If you need to contact me please write to Jack D. Huggins, ILNA President, 103 Powder Mill Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223, and my e-mail address is HUG511@aol.com.

The new address for the ILNA website is <http://www.ilnaclub.org>. The website has so much going on and so much to offer. I cannot begin to describe everything that is happening on our website. You have to see it for yourself. It looks great, easy to navigate, informative, educational, and constantly updated. You can get up-to-the-minute prices on precious metal on the introduction page, and so much more. It is absolutely amazing. So check it out. Log on today and get ready to be informed.

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Illinois State Quarter

Released January 6, 2003

by Frank M. Zapushek



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The ceremony started with the Lake Bluff Middle School Choir singing two uplifting and moving songs. The performance was outstanding.

Illinoian actor and screenwriter Harold Ramis was the Master of Ceremony. Mr. Ramis kept the humor flowing and the audience entertained.

He first introduced a charming 12 year old rising Springfield, IL singing star Clayton Ann Joyner to sing the National Anthem. She had a beautiful voice and performed like a professional.

Mr. Ramis introduced Illinois State FFA President Jay Kelley. Then the Illinois Historian and a member of the Chicago School system both gave interesting insight to the history of Illinois. The three covered the importance of rural and urban life to the life blood of Illinois.



Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Barr Topinka explained that the State budget is kept in over 400 financial institutions and earns interest for the citizens of Illinois. She compared the days of keeping track of the finances with paper and adding machines and computers. Ms. Topinka explained the importance of saving for the future.

She talked about how even today, Illinois' past history of farming and rural life still plays an important role in the urban areas of Illinois.

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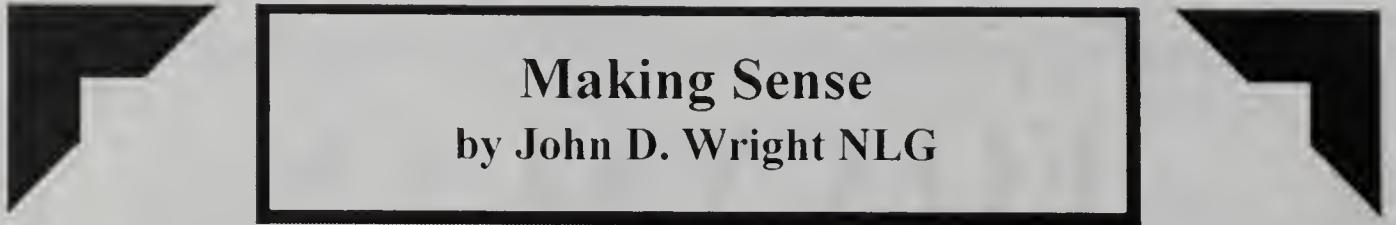
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Making Sense

by John D. Wright NLG

How soon can you guess the year that all of these things happened?

The Japanese shogun expels all foreign ships from Japanese waters, claiming that British and American crews have encroached too far upon Japanese coasts.

The Stockton to Darlington Railway opens this year, the first railway designed for steam engines. The 27 mile line in England carries both passengers and freight. Within a few years steam-powered railways will proliferate across Europe and America.

London's Buckingham House is expanded into Buckingham Palace. It will become the residence of Britain's ruling family twelve years later.

Portugal recognizes the independence of Brazil proclaimed three years ago. Uruguay secedes from Brazil, and Bolivia separates from Peru. Settlers on Santo Domingo proclaim their independence from Spain, establishing the Dominican Republic.

A Creek Indian chief signs a treaty ceding all Creek lands to the state of Georgia and agreeing to have all Creek Indians out of Georgia by the end of next year. Most of the Creek Nation does not support or comply with the treaty. He is dubbed a traitor and is killed by his own people.

British activist Frances Wright lectures in the US on equal rights, birth control, and abolition. She is condemned as a "bold blasphemer and voluptuous preacher of licentiousness". She is one of the stronger supporters of Neshoba, a colony for freed slaves founded this year in Tennessee.

The first secular utopian society in the US is established by Robert Owen who has bought the town of Harmony Indiana from the Rappites, renaming it "New Harmony". About 1,000 settlers are attracted to the community, but the enterprise will fail in just over two years after consuming eighty percent of Owen's fortune.

Gunsmith Henry Derringer designs a small, single-bore pistol. The weapon will become popular with "gentlemen" of the period.

Construction is resumed on the Cumberland Road westward from Wheeling (now in West Virginia). The new route will be named the National Road.

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Small California Gold

Genuine or Fake?

By Robert D. Leonard Jr.

Small California gold coins have enjoyed a resurgence in popularity lately, with new price records being set in recent auctions. For years they languished in obscurity; dealers didn't like them, as they were hard to attribute, there was danger of getting stuck with a fake, and the standard catalog, *California Pioneer Fractional Gold* by Walter Breen with the Collaboration of Ronald J. Gillio, was out of print, hard to find, and very expensive.

But eBay has brought many old jewelry pieces out of hiding, the specialist organization (Society of Private and Pioneer Numismatics) has been revitalized, there is now a web site and e-mail list, and collectors are anticipating the publication of an expanded second edition of Breen-Gillio in a few months.

The danger of fakes hasn't changed, though, and many cheap, plated tokens have been sold on internet auction sites (with misleading descriptions) at high prices. Here's how to protect yourself:

1. Genuine small California gold pieces **all** have a denomination on them, such as DOLLAR (sometimes abbreviated as DOL or D) or CENTS. Pieces without a denomination are considered "tokens," and are not listed in Breen-Gillio, the Red Book, or Krause catalogs, or certified by PCGS. (Originally all small California gold carried a denomination, but such private coins were outlawed in 1864; when enforcement of the law began in 1871, makers started switching to pieces without a denomination in an effort to stay legal.)
2. Pay no attention to dates; the tokens are mostly backdated to the 1850s or 1860s, but dates as early as 1849 are common.
3. Remember, these tokens have been made for **over 100 years**, so statements that they "were found in my grandfather's estate," "bought at a garage sale," etc., are no assurance of genuineness.
4. Jewelry damage is actually a **good** thing, as far as probable authenticity is concerned, since the fad for using small California gold-type pieces seems to have pretty well died out by about 1905. Usually tokens and outright counterfeits lack holes and solder remnants.
5. Watch out for plugged and reengraved coins. These are quite common, and sometimes details are removed or ones added that weren't on the die originally. (Among the more comical of these are a recent eBay offering of a 14-star dollar, another piece reading DOLAR instead of DOLLAR, and an eagle reverse coin with the eagle's head facing the wrong way!)

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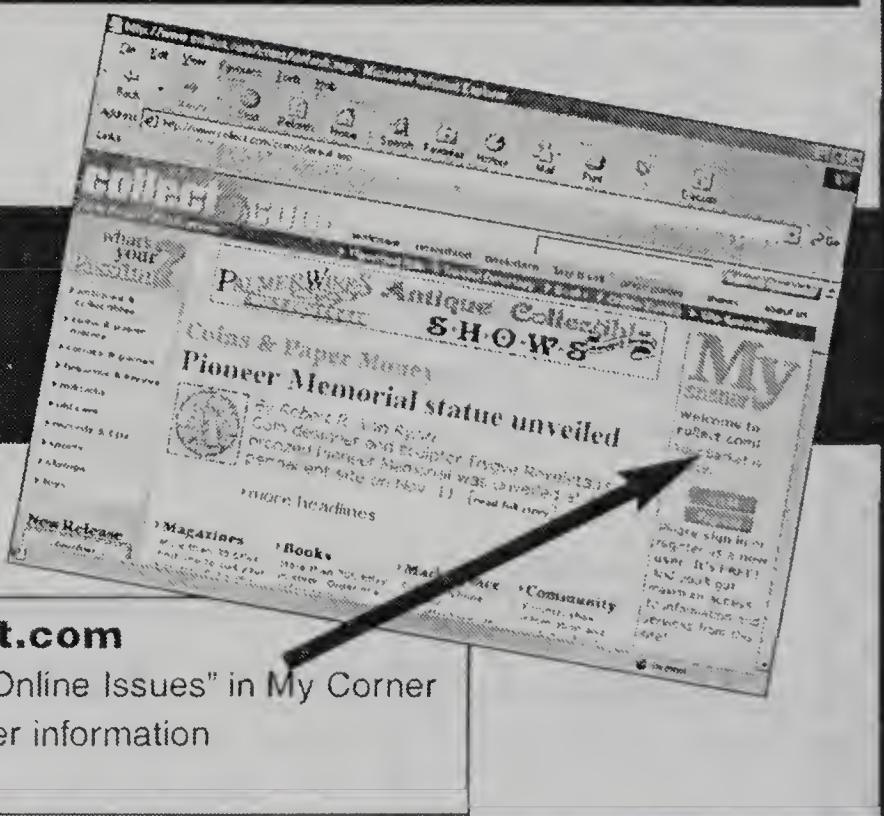
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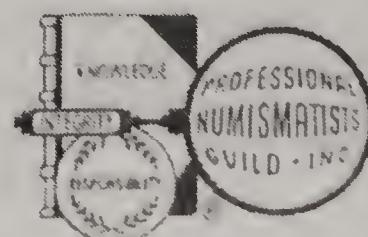
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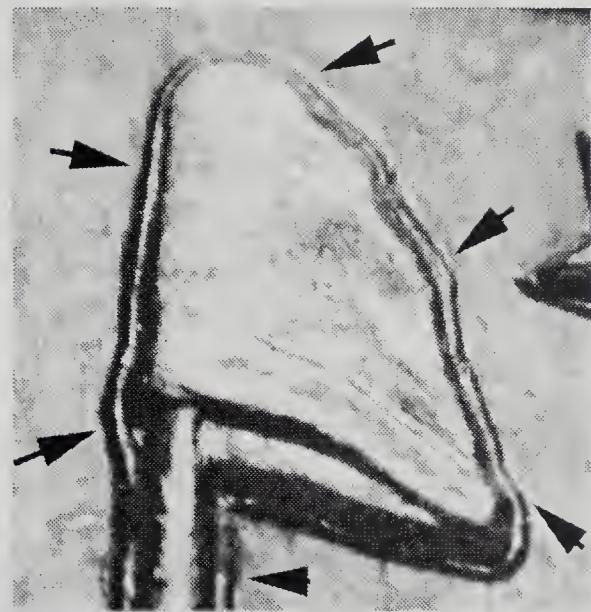
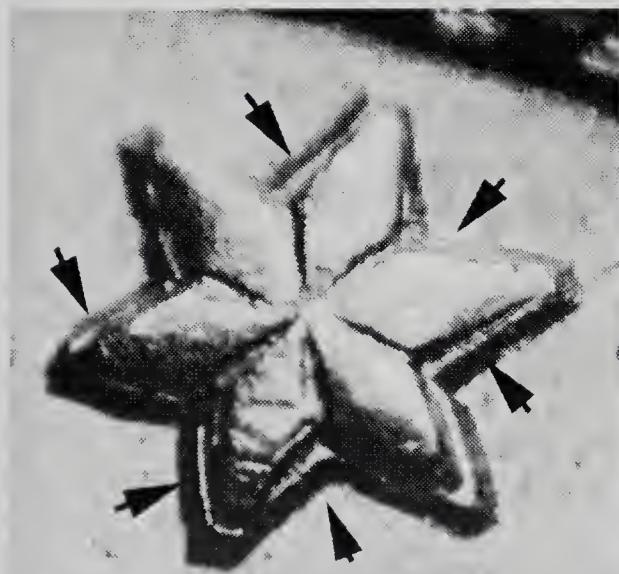
by Frank M. Zapushek

It is now January and snow is on the ground. The air is crisp and the tree branches can be heard blowing in the wind. Time to throw a log in the fireplace and snuggle up in a comfortable chair with a loup, a directional lamp and a good coin.

The best coin I have read in a long time was an 1854 O Liberty Seated half dollar by Christian Gobrecht with an introduction by James B. Longacre. It had good eye appeal, a great story line and an unexpected finish. The butler did not do it!

The 1854 O coin included the listing cut out of an auction catalogue. The coin was listed as Lot 1306 : "1854 O Arrows at date. A very sharply struck, pleasing example with lovely gold and blue-green toning.....Fully struck on the head and with a vividly double date."

As soon as I started, I noticed how well struck the coin was and that it was a very early die stage. Next, the pileus (liberty cap) and the pole drew me like a magnet. I noticed the secondary rounded image completely around the pileus and the pole. A beautiful example of "Longacre Doubling" or "outline doubling".



Next my attention is drawn to the stars. I notice a secondary rounded image completely around the stars. But I also notice that there is no secondary image on the lines forming the inside elements of the star. This can not be a doubled die.

The doubling is completely down the side of Miss Liberty and the rock.

Moving further down to the date, I noticed the rounded doubling on the right side of the "4". I notice that on the right side of the base of the "4", there is a little spur

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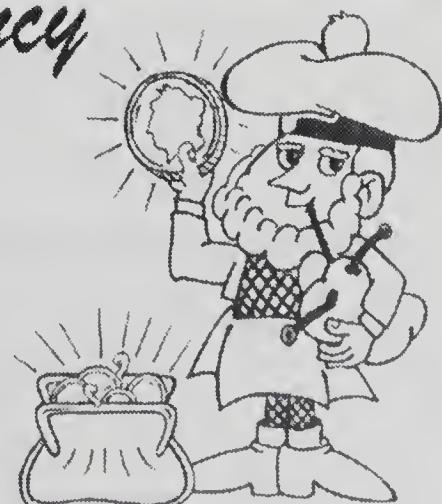
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Making Sense (Cont.)

Pressed glass is first produced this year, the first technical innovation in glassmaking since ancient times. Cheap, standardized sets of glassware proliferate. Jarves Glassworks of Sandwich Massachusetts opens this year, beginning over fifty years of production of what is now avidly collected as "Sandwich glass". The first commercially produced telescopes also debut this year.

A fire in the Library of Congress causes extensive damage and loss of many important books. The damage, though severe, does not compare to that when the British burned most Federal buildings over a decade ago.

Nothing recognizable yet from your old History classes? Well, let's move on to a few items that **WOULD** have been in those classes.

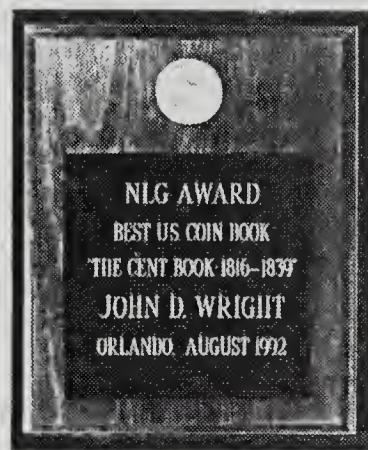
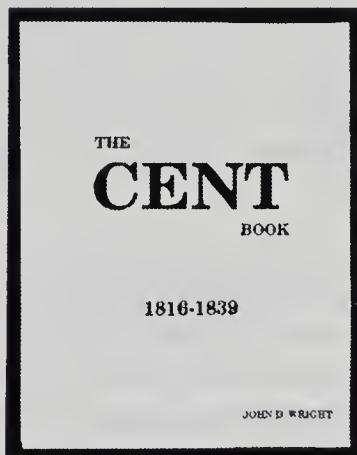
The US House of Representatives settles the deadlocked election of last year, giving the Presidency to John Q Adams. The Federalist candidate has polled so poorly that the Federalist party dissolves. Dissention within the Democratic Republican party causes a split into two parties, with what will become the Whig party supporting Andrew Jackson (who drew more Primary votes than Adams), and what will become the Democratic party supporting the newly-elected President (who had struck a deal with Henry Clay in exchange for the votes Clay had garnered). Henry Clay will be appointed Secretary of State. John Q Adams, our only President to have been groomed for this office from his childhood, will serve a single term and will lose to Andrew Jackson in the next election.

The Erie Canal officially opens this year, immediately becoming the most important passenger and freight route between the East and the Midwest. The 363-mile canal connects the Hudson River to Lake Erie. It has cost eight million dollars to build and pays for itself within the first few years. Barges are pulled along the four-foot deep canal by teams of mules at two miles per hour. Transportation costs between the midwest and New York City drop from \$100 per ton by wagon to \$5 per ton by canal and river, and transit time drops from thirty days to eight days.

Along the canal and the lakes to which it connects, small villages are transformed into the boom towns of Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago. The huge success of the Erie Canal makes New York into the Empire State and inspires another 3,000 miles of canals within the next fifteen years. Most successor canals will lose in the revenue battles to the growing railroad industry.

Travelling guidebooks are first published this year for stagecoach and canal travellers. These include "The American Traveller" and "The Fashionable Tour".

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Making Sense (*Cont.*)

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John Q's inauguration and the opening of the Erie Canal should have been enough for you to know that the year is 1825.

The US mint in Philadelphia produced just over five million coins in 1825, most of them as large cents and half dollars. Half cent production was resumed after a fifteen-year hiatus. Late in 1824 unused dime and quarter-dollar dies of 1822 were overdated with a 4 over the final 2, but these dies were not used until 1825. In fact, ALL quarters struck in 1825 are from overdated dies. These include 1824/2, 1825/2, 1825/3, and 1825/4. Likewise, all of the 29,000 half eagles struck this year are overdates. All but two known pieces are 1825/1. Until 1978 a single 1825/4 half eagle was known. That year a second example showed up in upper Michigan, displayed on a tack-board on the wall of a bank office.

The 1.4 million large cents made this year are from nine pairs of dies with no intermarriages. Three have undersized A's in the reverse legend, three have larger A's with a normal F in OF, and three have larger A's with a longer topbar on the F. One curiosity in 1825 cents is the N7 variety, which has a perfectly-formed 5 tilted left. This is overpunched with a normally-positioned 5 from a broken punch with the topbar missing. Though popular for this curiosity, the N7 variety is common.

None of the nine cent varieties of 1825 are rare, though one (N1) is scarce. I know one collector who is convinced that 1825 N1 cents are truly rare, so he buys all he finds whose price is within reason. So far he has 26 of them. Each of us finds our own pattern to collect objects that fascinate us while keeping the challenge alive, because it is the HUNT that provides the thrill.

**John D. Wright is the author of "The CENT Book",
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Small California Gold (Cont.)

- Even more dangerous are outright counterfeits that actually have the denomination on them. They have been produced for nearly 100 years, and some have even made it into PCGS slabs, though it is against their policy to certify such pieces. Over 30 of them are listed in the forthcoming edition of Breen-Gillio, so it is difficult to generalize. However, coins made of very pure gold are suspect, as most originals are somewhat debased. Every known fake will be described and illustrated in Breen-Gillio now, to protect collectors against them.

It pays to know the difference between false and genuine small California gold, since this series is so historic. The tiny \$1/4, \$1/2, and \$1 coins, round and octagonal, are now known to have actually circulated during the Gold Rush, and are the least expensive private gold coins. After 1857 they were made just for jewelry, but even so were later considered such a threat to the nation's currency that the Secret Service actually arrested some of their makers for counterfeiting. (In the 1870s and early 1880s, confidence men passed current issues at face value to greenhorns coming to California on the new overland trains.)

And there are plenty of perfectly good pieces to collect: I estimate that about 35,000 genuine pieces of all denominations and dates are in existence. Interest and prices are rising. Just make sure that you know what you are buying!

Robert D. Leonard Jr., ILNA 948, is lead author for the revised second edition of Breen-Gillio, *California Pioneer Fractional Gold*, to be published early in 2003 by Bowers and Merena Galleries. He has been a student of this series for over 40 years.

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Good Mystery Coin (Cont.)

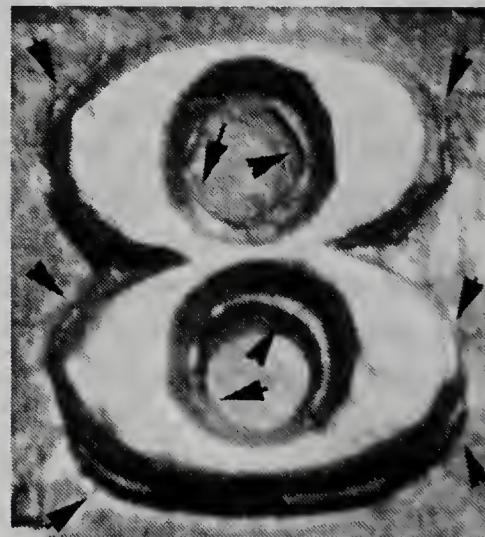
connecting the base of the "4" and the lower portion of the crossbar. On the left side of the base I noticed a small spur notched downward.

Some would say that the doubling on the inside of the "4" proves that it could not be "Longacre Doubling". But it helps when reading a coin to remember a phrase of mine. "**Opposites is Opposites**" This is not good english, but it helps to remember the minting process. What is raised on the coin is recessed on the working die.



The entire "4" is raised on the die. Thus the field around the "4" and the space on the inside of the "4" is recessed into the die

Because the coin is angled to reflect light up into the microscope, some parts of the photograph do not show the rounded doubling. The image of the "8" gives another example of the doubling on the inside and the outside of the "8". This doubling is completely around the outside and the inside of the "8". Even though it does not show on the image provided.



Do not confuse "Longacre Doubling" with "Machine Doubling Damage" (MDD) or "Strike Doubling". MDD is flat and self like and there is metal flow between the two images. MDD is caused because the die is loose in the coinage press. Allowing the die to twist or bounce as the pressure is being released on the die after striking the planchet.

"Longacre Doubling" is rounded and you can see where the primary and secondary image starts and stops. There are two main theories as to what caused "Longacre Doubling". Both theories end up with the same result.

From about 1836 till 1886, the main design elements were put on the galvano and a reducing lath transferred the design onto the master hub. The master hub was raised or incused, because the metal was removed to leave the design of the galvano. The master hub was then used to make a master die. The master hub was pressed into the die steel to form the master die, so the master die had a recessed design.

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Good Mystery Coin (*Cont.*)

The engraver would then use a punch to place the outer design on the master die. If the engraver wanted to give the punch more detail, he could shave the sides of the punch, leaving a lip on the punch.

If the engraver hit the punch extra hard, the lip would be incused into the master die. Thus causing the Longacre doubling on the working hub, the working die and the coin.

The second theory is after the design elements were placed on the master die, the engraver would go back over the design moving the punch just a little. This would place a small lip on the die to help the metal flow into the die.

It is also believed that Mr. Longacre felt this would give the dies a longer life and provide more coins from each die. Helping to reduce the expense of die production.

Both theories would produce a rounded doubling, but it is not considered a doubled die because the doubling is not caused by multiple hubbings and there are no separation of the serifs.

Not all dies produced the "Longacre Doubling". On those that did produce the doubling, it will slowly disappear as the die strikes more coins. Or if the die is polished for any reason. So, if a coin has the full doubling like this coin, it should be a very early die stage.

I am more inclined to believe the first theory because it explains why the doubling is found on Miss Liberty and the rock along with the outer design elements of the coin.

The spurs on the base of the "4" go more toward proving the first theory. If the master die field was reduced in some way, to give more detail. It would be difficult to work into the narrow areas around the base of the "4". This would leave areas where the die metal could not be removed, thus the spurs. But where are the die polish lines or some signs showing that the field was lowered on the master die?

"Longacre Doubling" stopped appearing in 1886 when engraver Charles E. Barber added the motto to the master hub. Ah yes, a story to be read on another coin.

Have a coin question? Let us know at a coin show or contact us. Frank M. Zapushek, PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993 email: mrz@bakercoins.net

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by Frank M. Zapushek



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Minutes

Winter Board Meeting

November 3, 2002 Champaign, IL

The meeting was called to order at 2:06PM with following officers:

President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Don Keopple, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Chairman of the Board – Kermit Wasmer, Board Members - Steve Butler, Clayton Hagemann, David Spring, Jim Kaczor, Richard Prouty, and Frank Zapushek. Board members Andrew Reiber, William Burbridge, and Roy Kuester each have an excused absence.

Secretary Doran read the minutes of the last meeting in Countryside, and also reported that ILNA membership is currently at 342 members, with 314 individual members and 28 club members. A motion to accept the report was made – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Spring, passed.

Treasurer Kevin Wasmer reported that the club was in good financial condition. Motion made to pass the treasurer's report was made – 1st by Kaczor, 2nd by Keopple, passed. Also, it was suggested by the Treasurer that he be bonded, with the cost of this being \$90. A motion was made – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Hagemann, passed.

Digest Editor Zapushek inquired with the U.S. Postal Service on how much can the ILNA Digest expand before the cost of mailing it increases, and the Digest can almost double in size without additional postage costs. The new edition of the Digest should be delivered in late January 2003. Also, starting with the Winter 2003 Digest, there will be a Secretary's Message.

Old Business –

Huggins reminded the board that the next meeting will be in Watseka, IL coinciding with the 2003 ILNA Spring Show.

Huggins noted that envelopes were ordered for the mailing of dues, which will be mailed out at the end of the year. Also, if a member gets a second notice, the dues will be \$10. Motion was made - 1st by Kermit Wasmer, 2nd by Butler, passed.

New Business –

It was suggested by Doran that ILNA member clubs be mailed a survey. The purpose of the survey is to see what ILNA can do to help the clubs.

Zapushek suggested that the Secretary get an operating fund of \$50 per quarter for expenses. After discussion, a motion was made - 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Prouty, passed.

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Minutes (Cont.)

The 2004 Spring ILNA Show was discussed, and the Will County Coin Club of Joliet, IL expressed interest by letter in hosting the 2004 show. However, some board members had reservations due the non-club sponsored Countryside show being on the same date. After discussion, it was tabled until the Spring or Summer meeting.

2003 Summer meeting will be at Heritage House, in Springfield, IL, and it will either be on the 4th Saturday or Sunday in June.

The 2002 Fall Show was deemed by President Huggins as a success, and praised the board for their hard work.

The 2003 Fall Show was discussed, and it was noted that it will also be a Fall Central States Numismatic Society Show. Huggins informed the board that a contract has been signed. As with the 2002 show, an auction will be held, and Fox Valley Coin Auctions of Naperville, Illinois will conduct it.

The ILNA Scholarship was discussed and Huggins noted that currently no one has inquired about it, though it was advertised in Numismatic News, and he would like to get it established and find someone to manage it. Also, Kermit Wasmer suggested to the board that the clubs should be told of the scholarship and that donations are welcome.

Huggins discussed with the board the ILNA History Project. The purpose of this is to gather ILNA's past, as Doran noted that ILNA's 50th Anniversary will be in 2009. Huggins also wanted to give either him or Kevin Wasmer authorization to purchase items, and a motion was made to do such - 1st by Kermit Wasmer, 2nd by Doran, passed.

Huggins noted that the Illinois Quarter will be released in January 2003. He suggested that ILNA look into purchasing some of the quarters and also getting a third-party grading service to encapsulate them for reasonable cost. A motion was made - 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Keopple, passed.

Elections for 2003 officers were announced, and it was noted that 5 board seats were up for election. Burbridge, Butler, Hagemann, and Kuester currently hold four of those seats, with a seat open. Huggins appointed an election committee, as per ILNA Constitution and By-Laws, and the committee will consist of Kermit Wasmer, Kevin Wasmer, and Keopple. Donna Duvall-Doran informed the board that she has expressed interest in running for a seat on the Board of Governors in 2003.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting - 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Kermit Wasmer, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM.

Michael B. Doran
Secretary

Illinois State Quarter (*Cont.*)

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka said, "Illinois' coin highlights both Chicago and downstate. The urban and the agricultural areas of Illinois. It's a nice combination that brings our state together."

Treasurer Topinka urged students who received the quarters to save them.



Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan explained that Illinois was admitted into the Union on Dec. 3, 1818, the 21st state to join the Union. The quarter depicts a young Abraham Lincoln within the outline of the state. A farm scene and the Chicago skyline appear on opposite sides of the state outline. The design also contains 21 stars and bears the inscriptions "21st State/Century" and "Land Of Lincoln."



United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore said, "It's a great and historic day. I think this design is among the most distinctive of the states. It reflects the economic diversity and the historical significance of Illinois."

Director Fore added, "The Illinois quarter sends a powerful message. It highlights how the state's agricultural traditions and business and financial climate - all the things that make Illinois a major hub of international commerce - rest on Lincoln's legacy of integrity and hard work."

Director Fore said that 139,000,000 people collect the State quarters, that is one out of every three people. Said added, "Your Illinois quarter will spend with the best of them, so don't just collect, but spend your quarter. The quarter you receive today will be worth something because it came on a very special day."

Then Director Fore presented First Lady Ryan with the drawing of the State quarter used by the Mint and the first two coins struck for the Illinois Museum.

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Illinois State Quarter (Cont.)



Director Fore and First Lady Ryan placed the Illinois quarter on the Mints map of the United States showing which quarters have been released. Releasing the Illinois quarter.



First Lady Ryan with design winner Thom Cicchelli. Artist Thom Cicchelli wanted to show Lincoln at a turning point in his life along with capturing the state's diversity.

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2003 Coin Shows

FEBRUARY 2, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 89th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location*: Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables*: 50 *Fee*: \$35 *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 *Phone*: 815 547-6382

FEBRUARY 8 & 9, (Sat & Sun) Dupo Coin Club 46th Annual Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, Fairview Heights, IL. *Location*: Fairview Heights Ramada Inn, IL. Rt. 159 & I 64, *Tables*: 38, *Fee*: \$80 for both days, or \$45 for 1 day, *Admission Price*: \$1.00, *Contact*: Harry Niccum PO Box 3153, Fairview Heights, IL. 62208-3153, *Phone*: 618 632-3331

FEBRUARY 9, (Sun) Rantoul Coin Club 51st Annual Coin Show, 10 AM to 4 PM, *Location*: Rantoul Recreation Building, 100 E. Flessner, Rantoul, *Tables*: 28, *Fee*: \$20, *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Kevin Jeffers 203 E. Campbell Ave. , Rantoul, IL 61866

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NOTES OF PRAISE

Quad Cities Coin Club Grows with Active Members

The Quad Cities Coin Club has a very active club. Each meeting they have a show and tell by different members and actively support the youth in our hobby.

At last year's show, they had over 200 lots for the youth auction with over 60 kids attending the auction. All lots were donated by club members and dealers attending the show. Think this could be part of the reason that the attendance for the one day show was about 1,000?

This year's show is on Sunday April 6. Why not have some club members go to the show and talk with the officers of the club. Watch the fun that radiates from the club members at the youth auction. Look at the smiling faces of the youth at the auction.

Since you are there, you might as well look at a few coins.

2003 COIN SHOWS

FEBRUARY 9, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

MARCH 2, (Sun) ILNA Spring Coin Show sponsored by the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club , Watseka, IL, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location*: Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak) , Watseka, IL , *Tables*: 30, *Fee*: 8ft. \$25, *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: John Tonner, 550 E. Mulberry St. Watseka, IL 60970 *Phone*: 815 432-6439

MARCH 9, (Sun) Will County Coin Club 44th Annual Coin Show, Joliet, IL., 9 AM to 3:30 PM, *Location*: Holiday Inn Express, 411 S. Larkin Ave. (IL Rt. 7 & I-80), Joliet, IL *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Richard J. Hlavacik, Phone: 815 463-9480 or email: richjh@excite.com

MARCH 15, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 5th Winter Show Pekin, IL. *Location*: Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables*: 30, *Fee*: \$30, *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone*: 309 353-6178

MARCH 16, (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club's Spring Coin Show 9 AM to 3 PM, *Location*: Burgess-Osborne Building (1 block east off Rt 45 at "T" Juction with Rt. 6 Mattoon, IL., *Contact*: Bob Ohm Mattoon Coin Club, PO Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938, *Phone*: 217 234-2585

MARCH 23, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Spring Coin Show- Springfield, IL. *Location*: Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables*: 50 *Fee*: \$40 *Admission*: \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact*: Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL. 62704 *Phone*: 217 528-7634

APRIL 6, (Sun) Quad City Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location*: Milan Community Community Center Camden Park, US Route 67, Milan, IL *Tables*: 70, *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: John R. Brixey 1553 39th St, Rock Island, IL 61201, *Phone*: 309 788-8726

APRIL 27, (Sun) Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club, 39th Gillespie Area Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location*: Gillespie Civic Center 115 N Macoupin Ave, Gillespie, IL *Tables*: 45 *Fee*: \$25 *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Earl Sanford, PO Box 373 Witt, IL 62094, *Phone*: 217 594-2841

May 24, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 43rd Anniversary Show Pekin, IL. *Location*: Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables*: 30, *Fee*: \$30, *Admission*: Free, *Contact*: Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone*: 309 353-6178

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JULY 26, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 9th Summer Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone:* 309 353-6178

JULY 27, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-
Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway
(3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A.
Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park
Ave., Springfield, IL. 62702. *Phone:* 217 793-0919

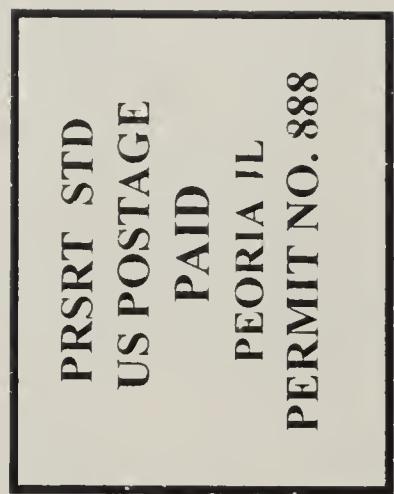
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